

Single-Use Foodware PFAS-Free & On-Request Policy Tracker by Sierra Club CA Zero Waste Committee

City/County	State	PFAS Free	Single-Use Items Serve on Request	Adoption Date
Laguna Beach	CA		straws, stirrers, utensils	5/18/2021 (passed 1st reading)
	VT	x		5/18/2021
Palm Springs	CA	x	foodware accessories	5/6/2021 (passed 1st reading)
			\$0.25 for cup and container	
Los Angeles	CA		foodware accessories	5/2/2021
			plastic straws	3/11/2019
Alhambra	CA		foodware accessories	4/12/2021
District of Columbia			foodware accessories	3/16/2021
Millbrae	CA	x	foodware accessories	2/23/2021
	NY	x		12/3/2020
Thousand Oaks	CA		plastic straws, utensils	10/13/2020
Half Moon Bay	CA	x	foodware accessories	10/6/2020
Atherton	CA	x	foodware accessories	6/17/2020
San Mateo County	CA	x	foodware accessories	2/25/2020
Redondo Beach	CA		straws, stirrers, utensils	2/13/2020
Arcata	CA	x	foodware accessories	2/5/2020
			\$0.25 for disposable foodware	
			\$0.25 discount for bring your own reusable foodware for takeout	
Santa Cruz	CA	x	straws, lids, cutlery, to-go condiment packages	1/28/2020 9/26/2017
			\$0.25 cup fee	
			\$0.25 takeout fee encouraged for containers, lids, straws, stirrers and/or utensils	
			\$0.25 discount encouraged for bring your own reusable containers for takeout	
Encinitas	CA		straws, utensils	1/22/2020
El Segundo	CA		plastic straws, stirrers, utensils	1/21/2020
Honolulu	HI		stirrers, straws, baran, utensils	12/15/2019

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Santa Cruz County	CA		\$0.25 cup fee	11/5/2019
Fairfax	CA	x	foodware accessories	10/3/2019
			\$0.25 cup fee	
Solana Beach	CA		straws, stirrers, utensils	9/25/2019
Union City	CA		foodware accessories	9/24/2019
Watsonville	CA		plastic straws	7/8/2019
			\$0.10 cup fee	
Palo Alto	CA		foodware accessories	6/24/2019
	ME	x		6/13/2019
San Anselmo	CA	x	foodware accessories	6/11/2019
			\$0.25 cup fee	
Sebastopol	CA		straws, utensils, lids, to-go condiment packages	5/21/2019
			\$0.25 credit for bring-your-own containers	
			\$0.10 takeout fee encouraged for cups, lids, straws, and/or utensils	
Hermosa Beach	CA		straws, stirrers, utensils	5/20/2019
Berkeley	CA	x	foodware accessories	3/27/2019
			\$0.25 cup fee	
Carpinteria	CA		straws, stirrers, utensils, lid, condiments	3/25/2019
Del Mar	CA		straws	3/4/2019
San Diego	CA		straws, utensils	1/8/2019
Los Angeles County	CA		plastic straws, stirrers	12/4/2018
San Francisco	CA	x	foodware accessories	11/27/2018
Santa Monica	CA		straws, utensils	9/20/2018
	CA		plastic straws for dine-in	9/20/2018
Manhattan Beach	CA		straws, stirrers, utensils	6/5/2018

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Richmond	CA		plastic straws, stirrers	5/15/2018
Oakland	CA		straws	5/15/2018
Long Beach	CA		straws, utensils	5/1/2018
South Lake Tahoe	CA		plastic straws, stirrers, utensils	4/3/2018
	WA	x		3/21/2018
Malibu	CA		straws, stirrers, utensils	2/26/2018
San Luis Obispo	CA		straws	11/7/2017
Alameda	CA		straws	10/3/2017
			takeout fee encouraged	
Scotts Valley	CA		takeout fee encouraged	12/17/2008

Since Biodegradable Products Institute announced the PFAS-free standard of compostable foodware to be effective in 12/2019, an increasing number of policies have required such products. PFAS, commonly called 'forever chemicals,' cause both water quality and public health problems.

Foodware accessories include straws, utensils, stirrers, splash sticks, cocktail sticks, toothpicks, napkins, condiment packets, wet-wipes, cup lids, cup sleeves, etc.

Single-use foodware accessories serve-on-request is the easiest way to reduce waste. In addition, a fee would encourage behavior change, as we've learned from the bag fee. These are the policies we've seen that include serve-on-request. Please email us if we missed any.

A fun video by University of California "Takeout creates a lot of trash. It doesn't have to" explains single-use takeout ware's impact to climate change, and solutions.